

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2892,
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SE-
CURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise to oppose this Republican Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, H.R. 2010.

This Republican motion is nothing more than a political stunt that would delay Congressional action on this important bill that funds the Department of Homeland Security. This agency's ability to operate is crucial in keeping our borders and waters safe, preventing terrorism, and responding to natural disasters.

Furthermore, this is another example of a Republican proposal that blatantly disregards the Constitution. If enacted, it would undermine the principles of due process and a fair trial, both of which are American ideals we hold dear.

For these reasons, I urge a "no" vote.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Southwest Florida

Requesting Member: Congressman CONNIE MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2010

Account: O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United States Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$1,313,000; This project would provide for maintenance dredging in four areas of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GICW). The areas in need of maintenance dredging include the mouth of Caloosahatchee River (Miserable Mile in Lee County) and the Boca Grande Bayou area (Miller's Marina in Lee County) of the GICW.

Project Name: Naples to Big Marco Pass

Requesting Member: Congressman CONNIE MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2010

Account: O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United States Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$722,000; The Naples to Big Marco Pass, also known as the Gordon River Pass in Collier County, supports the commercial fishing, stone crab harvesting, sport fishing and tourism industries. The Pass also supports the County's marinas and is used by residential boaters. Typically, the Pass is dredged every four or five years. It was last dredged in 2002 and needs to be dredged this year because shoaling diminishes the water depth in the channel.

Project Name: Lee County, FL (Reimbursement)

Requesting Member: Congressman CONNIE MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2010

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United States Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$645,000; There are three sections to the Lee County shore protection project (Captiva, Gasparilla, and Estero Islands) which were authorized as federal shore protection projects. Lee County advanced the Gasparilla section, which was completed in the Spring of 2007. The funding will allow for the reimbursement of the federal share to the County for the Gasparilla beach re-nourishment project.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I regret that a death in my family delayed my return to Washington this week. I was, therefore, unable to cast a vote on a number of rollcall votes on Tuesday, October 20, and Wednesday, October 21, 2009.

Had I been present on Tuesday, October 20, I would have voted "yes" on H. Res. 558, supporting the increased understanding of, and interest in, computer science and computing careers among the public and in schools, and to ensure an ample and diverse future technology workforce through the designation of National Computer Science Education Week; "yes" on H.R. 3319, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Gullwing Street in Portola, California, as the "Army Specialist Jeremiah Paul McCleery Post Office Building"; and "yes" on H.R. 3763, amending the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide for an exclusion from Red Flag Guidelines for certain businesses.

Had I been present on Wednesday, October 21, I would have voted "yes" on H. Res. 811, expressing support for designation of October 2009 as "National Principals Month." No school can be great without a great principal, and my district is fortunate to have an outstanding group of principals. High-quality school leadership is critical to supporting America's next generation of leaders and innovators.

I also would have also voted "yes" on S. 1793, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment

Extension Act of 2009; "yes" on H. Res. 837, recognizing Kentucky Wesleyan College for its service as an institution of higher education for over 150 years; "yes" on H. Res. 660, recognizing the distinguished history of the Laurinburg Normal Industrial Institute; and "yes" on S. Con. Res. 43, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to former Senator Edward Brooke.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, on October 20 and 21, 2009, I was unable to be present for all rollcall votes due to an unexpected delay. If present, I would have voted accordingly on the following rollcall votes: roll No. 790—"yea"; roll No. 791—"yea"; roll No. 792—"yea"; roll No. 793—"yea"; roll No. 794—"yea"; roll No. 795—"yea"; roll No. 796—"yea" and roll No. 797—"yea."

HONORING DONALD D. LAUB

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a man whose life and pursuits have exemplified the spirit of fortitude and the virtues of family demonstrated by so many of those who work to provide food and fiber to our great nation. Many factors have contributed to California's bountiful agriculture industry and the economic well-being of the State of California, but one underlying factor in California's agricultural success has been the fortitude of those such as Donald D. Laub. A long-time Fresno county agricultural leader and Easton-area grape grower, Donald passed away on Oct. 20, 2009.

Born on July 22, 1933, in Fresno, Don Laub was involved in farming for the majority of his 76 years. At the tender age of 9-years-old, Don was called upon to assist his mother Anna and twin brother Ronald in keeping the family farm going when his father Henry died in 1943. These early years of working the farm would set the foundation for Don's entire agricultural career.

In 1954, Don married Clara Fogal. The Laubs soon expanded the family farm to the Easton area of Fresno County with the purchase of prime vineyard land. Under Don's direction, Laub Ranches quickly became known for producing premium table grapes, raisins and wine grapes. As part of J&L Vineyards, Don was one of the first to embrace and actively use integrated pest management and trellis designs for table grapes. Four generations have now engaged in the family business. His grandson, Ryan Jacobsen, is executive director of the Fresno County Farm Bureau, and his mother, Debbie Jacobsen, Mr. Laub's daughter, became the first female president of the Fresno-area chapter in 2002. Through Don's example, they have endured many challenges, but all with the tenacity of a